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In re Application of:

Eykerman et al.

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COMMUNICATION

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Responsive to the restriction requirement of October 7, 2004, applicants elect the claims of Group I (i.e., claims 1-8, 11, 13, 15 and 16) directed to a fusion protein comprising a ligand binding domain and a bait domain.

In response to the species election, as applicants have elected a group including claim 7, applicants elect phosphorylation as a modification state of the heterologous bait peptide and note that claim 1 is generic to all the species of modifications. (*See*, 37 C.F.R. § 1.141).

As applicants have elected the claims of Group I, in response to the species election regarding a specific recombinant receptor including a specific ligand binding domain and a specific domain that comprises a heterologous bait polypeptide, applicants elect EpoR as the

specific recombinant receptor and EpoR as the specific domain that comprises the heterologous bait polypeptide.


Applicants note that claims 1-21 are generic and that upon allowance of the generic claims, reserve the right to have the species other than the elected species deemed allowable under 37 C.F.R. § 1.141.

Reconsideration and substantive examination of the application are requested.

CONCLUSION

Should questions remain after consideration of the foregoing, the Office is kindly requested to contact the applicants' attorney at the address or telephone number given herein.

Respectfully submitted,



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